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What Shall America Do?

In seeking to preserve from destruction in the savage conflict now raging every protection given by international law to the lives and property of neutrals and non-combatants, America is consistent. The national sympathy has gone out unreservedly to suffering non-combatants, to women and children, to the very young and the very old, whether among the belligerents or among neutrals upon whom the horrors of war have been forced.

In Belgium, for instance, America did not begin to quibble when starvation threatened. It did not say to England: "These men, women and children suffer on your account. It is your business, not ours, to see that they do not starve." It did not say to Germany: "By conquest you have made these sufferers your charge. You have brought starvation and disease upon them. It is your business, not ours, to relieve the agonies you have caused. See you to it."

On the contrary, America poured out its millions freely and unhesitatingly to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked in Belgium, though this country was inactive in nearly every money-making industry through the paralysis of European war, though it was paying a war tax in time of peace, and though it was threatened and reviled by each belligerent for selling to his enemy what it lawfully could of its products for which there was demand.

Serbia and Poland appeal for aid and are receiving or will receive a measure of the same relief.

Tokens of our sympathy and of our desire to comfort and to succor have gone on the Christmas ship to the children and women of all the accessible belligerents.

Has Europe reciprocated our sympathetic consideration and regard? We seem to have incurred the ill-will of all of the belligerents. Great Britain bitterly reviles us because some of our copper and other contraband of war have gone to Germany, and because quantities of our food-products have been sold to Germans. This bitterness is displayed more openly in outlying Great Britain, like Australia, than in censored England. In Australia, where before this war America was the closest, most valued friend, and Japan a hated bugaboo to frighten not only children, but adults, Japan is now in cartoon the cherished ally, who is to hold Uncle Sam from interfering, while John Bull throttles the kaiser.

Because her enemies are able to buy from us such war supplies as we may lawfully sell, and because she herself can no longer make such purchases because she has been driven from the surface of the seas, Germany extends to us her doctrine of hate. She lays down a new rule of international law, infringing and restricting the rights of neutrals, and attaches the death penalty to its violation. And in pursuance of this new law to which no other nation of the world has assented she destroys in cold blood scores of American lives, including women and children.

England disregards and violates our right to trade with the neutral nations of Europe and inflicts pecuniary injury upon our people in violation of international law. England joins with Germany in sowing mines on the high seas, thereby unlawfully inflicting death upon unoffending neutrals. Germany offends international law, not only by destroying our property, but by slaughtering with premeditation American men, women and children.

Competitive barbarism, through savage reprisals, is speeding to its logical end. To what crime may not "national necessity" and the alleged murderous and unlawful acts of the enemy now push both belligerents? It is a short step from the starvation of non-combatants and their killing by shell, by torpedo and by drowning to their murder by poison or by the spread of infectious disease.

Shall the next reprisals in competitive savagery be the poisoning of the enemy's water supply, not merely on his ships and for his armies, but in his homes, where non-combatants are suffering? Or shall the belligerents, through aeroplanes, dispatched at night, spread through the sleeping cities of the enemy the germs of loathsome and deadly infectious diseases, the pestilence and the plague? Shall belligerents go mad and in their madness run amuck among neutrals?

America's function is to check, if it can, this belligerent madness. The inspiring words of the President in his speech last night, though not intended to have any application to the present emergency, suggest the ideal role which in this world crisis America aspires to play. But what practical steps shall be taken or can effectively be taken to protect our people, our property and our neutral

rights against competitive savagery of the belligerents? What can we do to prevent war's destructiveness from extending more and more to civilian non-combatants, nullifying our own efforts to relieve their suffering, and subjecting them to increasingly loathsome and abhorrent forms of death? These are questions which weigh upon the President, Congress and the American people.

The Handling of the Lusitania.

Capt. Turner's statement regarding the course of the Lusitania after she was struck by the German torpedo clears up some of the doubt respecting the slowness in handling the boats after she was struck. He said she was proceeding under reduced speed on account of the fog and partly because of the desire to strike the right tide condition at Liverpool. The first blow disabled the engine and made it impossible to reverse the propellers and check the headway. Consequently it was unsafe to lower the boats immediately on account of the speed of the vessel. Indeed, says the commander, there was a perceptible headway on the Lusitania when she sank.

This condition may account for the apparent slowness of discipline on board the ship when she was struck. Naturally the passengers expected the boats to go overboard at once, and not finding them lowered promptly after the explosion, concluded that there was fault on the part of the crew. Moreover, the immediate listing of the vessel to starboard rendered useless the boats on the port side, which had been swung outboard with the others when the Lusitania entered the danger zone.

As for the responsibility for sending the Lusitania into the field of known danger, it cannot now be determined. It appears that Capt. Turner was warned by the British admiralty that submarines were waiting for his ship, and the first lord of the admiralty, Mr. Churchill, states in the house of commons that the government cannot spare naval vessels to convoy merchant ships. Doubtless there was another reason than the lack of conveying vessels for the failure to give the Lusitania an escort. It was perhaps thought that if not escorted she would be much less likely to be attacked, or perhaps the government at London concluded that by leaving her to her own devices she would have a better chance to escape, and she would be made a more conspicuous mark by the presence of destroyers. All this is likely to be canvassed thoroughly in Lord Mersey's inquiry.

The President and the New Citizens.

The President's address to the newly naturalized citizens of foreign birth, in Philadelphia last night, set forth in plain terms the high ideal of Americanism. Without in any manner suggesting his view regarding certain late happenings which have put upon him a heavy burden of responsibility, the President urged his hearers to be wholly American, not divided in allegiance, to dedicate themselves to their new home and its interests and the maintenance of the principles upon which its government is founded. He deprecated the formation of groups and urgedly advised the newly made citizens to think first of America and humanity. His wholesome words must have a beneficial effect, to strengthen the loyalty of these late additions to the body politic of the country and to give them the highest concept of the duties and obligations of the citizenship they have assumed.

American Heroes.

Throughout the stories told by survivors of the Lusitania runs the thread of heroism on the part of the distinguished Americans whose death is now generally mourned in this country. As in the case of the Americans on the Titanic, whose calmness and courage marked the last hours of that doomed ship, these men did all they could to succor the helpless victims of the German submarine, in one particular instance at least giving up a life belt in order that a woman might have a better chance to escape. On the Titanic Maj. Butt and Frank Miller, it is now known, practically surrendered their chances of escape in order that others might live, and so on the Lusitania deeds of quiet heroism were performed by citizens of this country which today, as they are related, make the American people extremely proud of their dead compatriots.

No such thing as safe and sane warfare has ever existed. Yet it is the duty of modern civilization to prevent combat from degenerating into an orgie of indiscriminate slaughter. It is not likely that Mexico has notified Huerta of any shortage in military talent that would call on him to make a rush for the old home.

Drought reports threaten to make the high cost of vegetables as prominent a consideration as the high cost of meat.

The Rumor-Monger.

The rumor-monger was busy in New York yesterday. And, according to report, he was numerous. His purpose was to do "a land office business" in the stock market. How much business he did will never be known. Presumably, however, he capitalized his inventions at a profitable figure.

It is bad enough when a nervous and excitable person in a crowded theater or public hall on a bare suspicion cries "fire." He creates a panic, and hundreds may perish in the mad rush for safety. He himself may escape—is likely to, since he starts on the run with the utterance of his cry.

But what shall be said of a person who, with no grounds even for suspicion, utters such a cry with the purpose of profiting in some way by what must inevitably follow? Think of the cold calculation of such a creature, willing to offer up human lives in such fashion!

The country today is nervous to a high degree. Party questions are in abeyance. Men are considering greater and graver matters. Leaders of opinion are counseling calmness and reflection. It is bad enough to turn a dollar at this perilous time by inventing stories for the purpose of adding to the excitement and influencing the stock market. But other things may result. Riots are not wholly out of the question. In the large cities, where, as at all times, the many men are of many minds, a stirring yarn goes far, and sometimes causes infinite trouble other than monetary.

The people are snapping up everything that circulates. They have neither the time nor the means to investigate. All are curious, all apprehensive. Rumors that ordinarily would defeat themselves by reason of improbability are taking a strange hold and flying as if with wings. Both the wire and the word of mouth are pressed into service, and doing yeoman service in an infamous cause—the cause of hullabaloo for money's sake.

When old landmarks have disappeared or are disappearing; when unfamiliar and fearful conditions are upon the world; when the supreme desire and the purpose of all our leaders, political, financial, social and religious, counsel us to keep out of the conflict, the inventor of lies trying to defeat that great end is a public enemy; and pity it is that so base a wretch cannot be reached by process of law.

New York is making preparations for next winter's grand opera season. To a large degree the same gems of song will doubtless be in evidence on the stage and the same line of jewelry in the boxes.

Commencement essays will soon be in season, and it will be a pleasure to find the harshness of current discussion tinged with a gentle strain of early idealism.

There has never been a time in national affairs when the temptation to run the risk of talking too much was stronger than it is at present.

Japan was quite prompt in deciding that China's efforts at self-government were likely to prove unsuccessful.

It is generally conceded that indignant epithets are not of the slightest value in an international crisis.

The success of a horse show is measured by the number of people who attend in automobiles.

As a ruler of the waves Britannia cannot be congratulated on success in policing them.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

The Questioners.

"My children ask more questions in an hour than I could answer in a week," confessed the worried-looking man.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "but they're not in a position to defeat you in the coming election if you don't succeed in guessing the precise answers they want to hear."

Left Behind.

"Didn't we invent gunpowder?" asked the Chinese philosopher. "Yes," replied the polite but positive foreigner; "you invented it, but you hear about as much relation to its practical use as the man who invented the first tin whistle bears to the modern brass band."

Water in Demand.

The water wagon has the call. Clear through from north to south. Why must they leave the cart so small? It can't prevent a drought?

The law sometimes puts an end to a quarrel by rendering it so technical that it becomes uninteresting.

An Aggrieved Relative.

"I lost a couple of chickens last night," said the man who lives in the suburbs.

"Well, boss," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "I specks I knows who found 'em. I done tol' my brother Sam 'bout dem chickens an' requested him special to let 'em alone till I gits my night off next Wednesday."

Times Have Changed.

"When I asked my wife to marry me she made me promise not to use tobacco."

"And now?"

"She's annoyed because I don't want her to smoke cigarettes."

The Other Fellow.

The other fellow is the chap who fills our hearts with woe; We execute a moral map And show him where to go. We tell him what he ought to eat And what he ought to drink; And just to make the scheme complete,

We tell him what to think.

The other fellow does the same. We scarcely realize That each of us some one will name As careless or unwise.

Himself each citizen neglects. And does the best he can To bear up with his own defects And curb his fellow-man.

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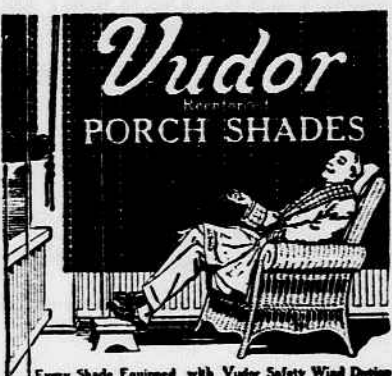
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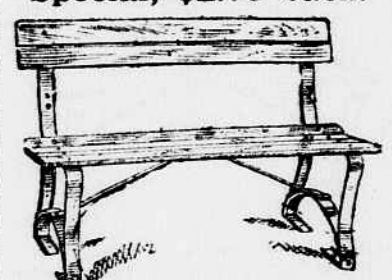
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